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FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL SITE DEDICATION SCHEDULED

First Statewide Memorial of its Kind

Bell Buckle, TN. – The dedication of a state firefighter memorial to be constructed on the grounds of the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy has been scheduled for Friday, October 28 at 1:00 p.m. This is the first statewide monument of its kind that will memorialize Tennessee firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

The Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be a monument to the spirit, commitment, and sacrifice of those firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty. It will give the citizens of Tennessee a place to honor these firefighters and inspire young men and women to follow in their brave footsteps. An average of two firefighters per year perish while performing their duty to the citizens whom they are sworn to protect.

"Firefighters demonstrate tremendous bravery in their devotion to preserving human life," said State Fire Marshal Paula A. Flowers. "We don't want their sacrifices to be forgotten and that is why we are committed to this memorial."

The expenses of the design and construction of the memorial will be funded by private and corporate contributions.

"The location of the memorial at the Academy means countless firefighters and visitors will have the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the sacrifices these firefighters made," said Roger Hawks, TFACA Executive Director. "The design is dignified and makes a fitting tribute to their courage and dedication."

Various local and state dignitaries, along with firefighters and families of fallen firefighters from across the state will be in attendance.

The site dedication will be held at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy located at 2161 Unionville-Deason Road in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. For more information, contact the Academy at 931-294-4111.

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